

I urge the FCC to deny the request for rule making (RM-10353) by the Quarter Century Wireless Association which seeks to retire valuable call signs from reassignment to other individuals. Call signs are not the property of any individual. They are assigned--loaned, if you will--by the FCC to individuals for the term of their license. Widespread retirement of valuable and scarce short call signs would force future generations of amateur operators to use longer calls which are less efficient and difficult to use. Calls longer than the current 2x3 format would eventually have to be assigned -- a daunting prospect for efficient station identification.

Respectfully,

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